

This amendment is made to place the application into condition for allowance. In the alternative, this amendment is made to place the application into better form for consideration on appeal.

Reconsideration and re-examination of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

DRAWING OBJECTIONS

The Examiner objected to the drawings due to extraneous reference numerals. By this amendment, Applicants submits new drawings with the objected-to reference numerals deleted. Applicant submits that the drawings overcome the stated objections without introducing new matter.

SPECIFICATION OBJECTIONS

The specification was objected to due to its lack of a brief description for FIG. 6. By this amendment, a description for FIG. 6 has been inserted.

THE DOUBLE-PATENTING REJECTIONS

Claims 1 through 10 were rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of double patenting, based upon U.S. Patent No. 6,619,816. Applicant has executed herewith a terminal disclaimer disclaiming any patent term extending beyond that of U.S. Patent No. 6,619,816. Applicant submits that the terminal disclaimer obviates the stated rejections.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 through 10 define allowable subject matter. The Examiner is requested to indicate the allowability of all claims in the application, and to pass the application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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